



# Central State Hospital

*Excellence in Evaluation, Treatment, Protection & Disposition*

## **Forensic Mental Health Technician**

Full-Time

Central State Hospital is recruiting qualified individuals who possess the motivation, creativeness and the initiative necessary to perform or assist psychiatric patients in a variety of activities and work in a Forensic Environment. Patients admitted to this unit are court ordered from the Criminal Justice System and are placed for psychiatric evaluation and/or treatment. These positions work directly with patients to achieve therapeutic goals through activities of daily living, attend to patients' problems and concerns, encourage patients in activities, provide intervention for behavior problems and crisis situations, and promote patients' awareness and coping skills to deal with realities of judicial controls. Maintaining security, performing security functions, and maintaining patient confidentiality are integral components of these positions. Responsibilities include conducting assigned treatment programs; documenting in the POR; escorting patients to and from appointments on and off the unit; and communicating with and listening to patients. The successful candidates will be expected to actively participate in all ward activities, which require frequent standing, walking, bending and lifting.

Applicants must possess a valid driver's license, as well as have experience providing direct care services to patients. The applicant should have the ability to follow directions, be able to work well with others, and demonstrate the ability to work with patients. Other qualifications include good oral/written communication, following oral/written instructions, and making good decisions. Should be able to accurately document observations of patients' behavior and must be able and willing to work in any building on any shift. Overtime is a requirement. A high school education or equivalent is preferred. Experience in a psychiatric, mental health, correctional or jail setting is strongly preferred. **PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** Psychiatric Forensic Workers are required to stand or walk a minimum of 75% of work time. Work requires mobility of upper extremities, ability to hold or grasp ability to bend at waist and knees to assist patients, perform household cleaning, intervene in patient disturbances, lift working materials and climb stairs. May be required to lift or assist in the lifting of patients as needed. **Starting Salary is \$22,761.00.**

An extensive criminal history background investigation, employment references and drug testing will be conducted. **NOTICE TO APPLICANTS: MULTIPLE PANELS MAY BE ESTABLISHED TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS AND TO RECOMMEND A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR THESE POSITIONS.** This position will remain open for a minimum of five workdays or until positions are filled. Resumes may accompany but will not substitute for a completed State Application Form (DHRM 10-012).

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